Assignment # 1

Ethics in Practice I

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Topic:

What is Satanism (اتباع الهوى) and its manifestation in our day to day life today?

- Satanism is a modern, largely non-theistic religion based on literary, artistic and philosophical interpretations of the central figure of evil. It wasn’t until the 1960s that an official Satanic church was formed by Anton LaVey.

- Beliefs
- Death is NOT a reward
- ¨Many religins belove that there is a better life after death, but for satanists, instead of embrasing death, they fight tooth an nail to stay alive."

اتباع الهوى)

The followers of this theory (Satanism) do not believe in any god. They follow their own will. Nafs.

اتباع الهوى

- Allah Almighty has declared in the Quran:-

وَ اَمَّا مَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهٖ وَ نَهَى النَّفْسَ عَنِ الْهَوٰى ۙ۴۰ فَاِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ هِيَ الْمَاْوٰى

(And as for him who dreaded standing before his Lord, and restrained his soul from lust, Verily the Garden! -that shall be his resort) An Naziat – 40, 41

- The Prophet (SAW) said:-
فــامّا الـمهلكاتفــهوىمتبع روا البيقى

- *(Fatality lies in pursuit of desires)*

Manifestation

- Lust is a manifestation of human desires, which can descend to infidelity and polytheism excluding one from Islam. At its lowest ebb, desires can shake one’s state of obedience. Every desire can lead one away from the path of truth and righteousness. Allah Almighty says:-

  وَلاَ تَتَّبِعِ الْهَوَىٰ فَيُضِلَّكَ عَن سَبِيْلِ ا

  (Don’t pursue personal desire lest they lead you astray from the path of Allah Almighty)

- The Prophet (SAW) said:-
  وَالْعَاجِزُ مَنْ اَتْبَعَ نَفْسَهُ هَوٰهَا وَتَمَنّٰى عَلَى

  (Humble and powerless is the one who follows desires and expects for a reward from Allah Almighty)

  Personal desires are a curse that leads to both religious and worldly losses. Long term benefits are forsaken for fulfillment of the immediate desires. To gain them one is even ready to harm others. Non religious governments are even compelled to frame laws to safeguard interests of the community. Desires left unchecked can harm both the individual and country. Allah Almighty being all wise knows our situation.

- So the best is to follow the Divine course and act upon Sharia laws. Allah Almighty says:-

فــاتبعها و لاـ تــتبع اهوائـالذينلاـ يــعلمون

(Follow the Sharia and not be misled by ways of the ignorant)